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In re Application of)

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Serial No. 08/837,459)

Group Art Unit: 1645

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Examiner: V. Portner

For: *Histidine-tagged Intimin and*)
Methods of Using Intimin to)
Stimulate an Immune Response)
and as an Antigen Carrier with)
Targeting Capability)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the claims on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 64 and 65 without prejudice or disclaimer thereof, and substitute amended claim 60 below for pending claim 60:

60. (Once Amended) A method for providing passive immune protection to a patient in need thereof comprising:

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